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PREACHERS REJECT WAR SYSTEM

ASK AIR RAID BAR OF HOOVER

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CHICAGO—(FP)—Since the only visible result of protests to the war department against the aerial bombardment of Chicago has been the addition of 200 war planes to this expensive mock battle, a citizens committee has appealed to Pres. Hoover in the following telegram:

"A committee representing many organizations in Chicago interested in the celebration of International Good Will day, May 18, respectfully petitions you as commander-in-chief of the military forces of the United States to countermand orders for the demonstration of the air forces over the city during that week.

"We would point out that such a demonstration of preparedness for war at any time is out of place on the part of a nation which has taken the lead in a movement for renouncing war as an instrument of international dealing, and further, that it is most unfortunate to advertise to the world our lack of faith

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NEW YORK—(FP)—Thousands of Protestant preachers have "withdrawn their sanction and support from the war system," says Kirby Page, The World Tomorrow, after a check of 19,372 answers to a questionnaire sent to 50,000 preachers and 3,000 seminary students. The result of the survey is carried in the May issue of The World Tomorrow.

A total of 12,076 or 62% of those who responded, express the opinion that the church should now go on record as refusing to sanction any future war; and 10,427, or 54%, state their present purpose not to sanction any future war or participate as an armed combatant.

When a job is in sight as a chaplain, the vote goes the other way. Then 8,700, or 45%, say they would take the job on active duty in wartime, 34% say they would not and 3,721 are in doubt.

The preachers were not asked what attitude they would take toward a war

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

May 4, 1931.

My dear Mr. Lockhart:

One of the most crucial gatherings in the history of mankind is scheduled to meet in Geneva during February of next year. The success or failure of the World Disarmament Conference may determine whether or not there is to be another great war.

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Sincerely yours,

Kirby Page

Mr. M. W. Lockhart,
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May 4, 1931.

Dear Kirby:

Your book on NATIONAL DEFENSE which you have inscribed for Dr. Mott has just been received. He has been away from the office practically all of the time for the last four or five weeks, giving two sets of lectures both of which will eventually issue in book form, and he is now at the house getting manuscripts ready for the printer so that he is giving little attention to office matters at the present time.

I want to thank you on his behalf for sending the book. I have myself dipped into several chapters of it and particularly the two on Nationalism, and yesterday gave considerable portions to my Bible Class of about thirty women. This book will come to Dr. Mott's attention in a day or two when he comes into the office.

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Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Ave
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Dear Mr. Page,

Please allow me to express my deepest appreciation and thanks for the copy of "National Defense" which you so kindly sent me. I have read a good part of it already and it is most enlightening, and is enjoyable reading. I wish it were possible for every person in the country to read it and to profit by it. For some time I have been doing a good deal of thinking along those lines, and have finally come to see the situation in what I believe to be its true light. I think your "Jesus or Christianity" should be followed

by the reading of "National Defense", since the latter may, in a sense, be termed the sequel of the former.

It is a consolation to know that the greatest things that have been accomplished have been propogated by minority groups. Paul Derring, Eure, and myself certainly are in the minority here on the campus. It seems practically impossible to get anyone to think open-mindedly and intelligently, if at all, on certain subjects.

Enclosed please find one dollar ($1.00) in payment for my copy of "National Defense." Again thanking you, and wishing you every success, I remain

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May 4, 1931

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Cecil Lockhart.

May 6, 1931.

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Mr. Kirby Page,
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Dear Mr. Page:

It was good of you to send your manuscript so promptly. Its theme fits most marvelously into our needs for the Freshman (October) Intercollegian so with your permission I will hold it for that number.

I am also glad to receive instructions from Miss Moreland to reserve the fourth cover page of our June issue for you. My understanding is that you wish to repeat your May advertisement of National Defense. I will proceed to do so unless word comes from you to the contrary.

By the way Paul Hutchinson is reviewing your book for us in this June issue.

Sincerely yours,

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May 7, 1931

Mr. Kirby Page
New York, New York

My dear Kirby: I am proud to number among my friends, a man who can produce such an exhaustive study of the whole problem of war as you have done in National Defense. I am sure that it represents your best endeavors in this direction. I want to help in circulating it. I am wondering if you could send me 100 of the black and green folders.

I am sure we are all encouraged over the bold stand that President Hoover is taking. It may be that this will be the thing that will distinguish his administration.

Thank you so much for the autographed copy of your book. I shall always prize it and add it to my personal library.

Yours cordially,

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Mr. Kirby Page,
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Dear Mr. Page:

In reply to your letter of May 2nd, let me say that I shall be delighted to do what I can to help circulate the ideals in your National Defense. Peace among nations is one of our ideals--perhaps the most important at this present critical time.

In my March number of World Theosophy, a copy of which was sent you, I gave a verbatim report of your lecture on Peace given here in Los Angeles. In the next issue (June) I am quoting fully from your editorials in The World Tomorrow on the very interesting questions concerning the church and war. I have also some copious notes from the speeches at the banquet on April 24th in New York.

If you will direct your publishers to send me a copy of your National Defense (do not send the expensive edition, but one paper-covered), I shall be glad to give it an article review--not the usual short review. I have subscribers all over the world and shall endeavor to arouse their interest. I shall also see that a review of it goes into another magazine that has nearly six thousand subscribers.

There is no more important event than the World Disarmament Conference to be held in Geneva, and all the constructive action, emotion, and thought of the world must be directed to that, with all the will and determination which we possess.

I unite my gratitude with that of thousands of others who are appreciative of your splendid work and your epochal The World Tomorrow.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Marie Hotchener

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PART II

SPECIAL BULLETIN

BETTER AMERICA FEDERATION

817 H. W. Hellman Bldg.,
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May 8 ,1931. Los Angeles, California.

IS A PREACHER A CITIZEN?

An Analysis of the Recent Pacifist Questionnaire.

"The Church is entirely out of order when it attempts as an institution to intimidate the Government. The Church has supported righteous causes both in peace and in war. . . . . To fail in such a crisis would be treason." Rev. D. B. Kessinger.

"Refusal to support the Government would put the Church on the level with bootleggers." Rev. Oliver C. Johnson.

"The Church of Christ cannot afford to play at anarchy or rebellion. I cannot think of Christ as being either unpatriotic or cowardly." Rev. Ira M. Williams.

"I think the churches of America should be the very last of the Nation's institutions to turn slackers and cowards by deserting it in its hour of need. I do not believe they would do such a dastardly thing, though I regret to say that I fear some of their unworthy leaders would do so." Rev. Alfred A . Pruden.

"What is behind this questionnaire? Is it Communism, bolshevism or rank anarchism? Do you realize that any man who answers 'Yes' to that question could be arrested for disloyalty, perjury, and treason?" Rev. William Carter.

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THE STORY OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

Recently a group of ten church leaders prepared a pacifist questionnaire, and mailed it to 53,000 ministers. 19,372 ministers answered it. The results of that poll will be presented to you in a moment; and to attest our fairness, let it be known that all of our figures upon this questionnaire are taken from the report made in the May, 1931, "World Tomorrow" by the well-known pacifist Kirby Page, who was the one of the ten who engineered this poll and who tabulated the results.

But first, let us investigate the ten men who prepared the questionnaire:

SPONSORS "WORLD TOMORROW" QUESTIONNAIRE	ORGANIZATIONAL CONNECTIONS: Replied "YES" to No. 6, in their own "World Tomorrow" Questionnaire: "Are you personally prepared to state that it is your present purpose not to sanction any future war or participate as an armed combatant?"											
	American Civil Liberties Union (Defender of Communists and Seditionists)(#)	"Non-Intervention Citizens' Committee" (War Time Defeatist)	Federal Council Churches of Christ			"World Tomorrow" (Pacifist-Rad)	Fellowship of Reconciliation (Int'list-Pacifist)	Active Socialist				
1--REV. S. PARKES CADMAN, Past Pres. and Radio Minister, Fed. Coun. Churches	-X-	-X-	---	--	---	---	--	---	---	---	---	-S-
2--REV. HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK, Professor Practical Religion, Union Theological Seminary, New York	-X-	---	---	-X-	-W-	---	---	-W-	---	-I-	-X-	-S-
3--REV. DANIEL A. POLING, President, World Christian Endeavor Union	-X-	---	---	---	---	-X-	---	---	---	---	---	-S-
4--REV. W. RUSSELL BOWIE, Rector, Grace Church, New York	-X-	-X-	---	-X-	---	---	---	-C-	---	-D-	---	---
5--JOHN NEVIN SAYRE, President "World Tomorrow"	-X-	---	-C-	-X-	-P-	-C-	---	-D-	-X-	---	-C-	---
6--REV. RALPH W. SOCKMAN, Member Bd. of Foreign Missions, M.E. Church	-X-	-X-	---	-X-	---	---	---	--	---	-D-	---	---
7--REV. REINHOLD NIEBUHR, Associate Prof. of Philosophy and Religion Union Theological Seminary, New York	-C-	---	---	-X-	-E-	-C-	-S-	-C-	-D-	-P-	-S-	-S-
8--REV. KIRBY PAGE, Co-author and traveling evangelist with Sherwood Eddy	-C-	---	---	--	-E-	-C-	-X-	-C-	-X-	-X-	-X-	---
9--SHERWOOD EDDY, Recently left Y.M.C.A. and openly espoused Socialism; Soviet propagandist	-X-	---	---	-X-	-E-	-X-	-X-	-C-	-X-	---	-X	---
10--REV. WILLIAM P. MERRILL, Pastor, Brick Presby. Church, N.Y.; Pres. Church Peace Union, 1915--Pres. Amer. Council, World Alliance for Int'l. Friendship Thru Churches	-X-	---	---	---	---	---	---	--	---	-D-	-X	-X-

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National Council for Prevention of War (Frederick J. Libby, Exec. Secy) Pacifist

World Alliance for International Friendship Thro' the Churches - which favors "Recognition Soviet Russia" & "opposes military training in public schools"

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These are the ten who conceived and prepared and circulated the questionnaire; and one of their number, Kirby Page, classified and reported upon it.

What Are The Questions? In recent weeks, local clergymen have contacted the office of the Better America Federation, much incensed by the questions submitted. As one clergyman said, "They are doing this merely to mobilize the slacker preachers of America for the purpose of intimidating our Government"!

Herewith the Questionnaire:

1. DO YOU FAVOR THE IMMEDIATE ENTRANCE OF THE UNITED STATES INTO THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS?

This group, interestingly, are all very strong for the League of Nations. Many sincere patriotic citizens are, as well; but it is interesting to observe the unanimity of the radical bunch in their support of this policy.

2. DO YOU FAVOR MILITARY TRAINING IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND CIVILIAN COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES?

(A sly question, this one. Why omit colleges not civilian? Also, the same answers would be obtained, or should be if the replies were frank, to this form: Do you favor the teaching of young citizens so much of National Defense as will enable them in a national emergency to perform those military duties which are by the U. S. Constitution the obligation of all male citizens between the ages of 17 and 45?)

3. DO YOU FAVOR SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS IN ARMAMENT EVEN IF THE UNITED STATES IS COMPELLED TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND MAKE A PROPORTIONATELY GREATER REDUCTION THAN OTHER NATIONS ARE YET WILLING TO DO?

Here we see the holy ten making medicine for disarmament for Uncle Sam, regardless of the world conditions which he may be confronted with.

4. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE POLICY OF ARMED INTERVENTION IN OTHER LANDS BY OUR GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF AMERICAN CITIZENS SHOULD BE ABANDONED AND PROTECTIVE EFFORTS CONFINED TO PACIFIC MEANS?

Note this question: as it is put, it seems to carry the implication that it is the peculiar policy of Uncle Sam to protect his nationals. This is not so: it is a fixed and time tried principle of international law. The ten know this perfectly well. Rev. Wallace T. McAfee of Palm Springs, California, writes to Kirgy Page a sufficient answer to his misleading question, when he says,

"I was in Nanking, China, when our gunboats fired, March 24, 1927. Then I saw the evil, the evil of some men who often talk loudest for peace, over-generalizing at a distance. That my life was saved was of no moment, but I do appreciate our sparing the Chinese from making a terrible blot on their history."

One may well watch closely any individual or the group of propagandists who propound intricate questions which are the subjects of almost universal research, and then demand that one shall answer them with a simple "Yes," or "No."

5. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE CHURCHES OF AMERICA SHOULD NOW GO ON RECORD AS REFUSING TO SANCTION OR SUPPORT ANY FUTURE WAR?

After answering that one, answer this: "Do you believe that the citizens of the United States, including those citizens in the Army, Navy, National Guard and Reserves, should now go on record as refusing to sanction or support any future war?" Wherein has the citizen in the pulpit or pew had any special privilege over the citizen in the shop, factory, farm or barracks?

6. ARE YOU PERSONALLY PREPARED TO STATE THAT IT IS YOUR PRESENT PURPOSE NOT TO SANCTION ANY FUTURE WAR OR PARTICIPATE AS AN ARMED COMBATANT?

And 10,427 preachers, with clairvoyant powers giving them a complete vision of the future events throughout the world, blithely answered "Yes"; and those 10,427 preachers are standing in 10,427 pulpits on next Sunday, teaching to their congregations of young people and old people a doctrine which makes them traitors by statute law!

The first Pentecost came in a military barracks at Caeseria; the commanding officer and all his garrison knelt before the preaching of St. Peter, were baptised, and joined the Church. St. Peter did not exact from them an oath of treason.

Who knew best - St. Peter, who had lived and worked with the Master throughout his earthly ministry, or Sherwood Eddy the ex-Y.M.C.A. Socialist, and John Nevin Sayre of the "Civil Liberties Union", and Reinhold Niebuhr of the "League for Independent Political Action", and Kirby Page of the "Peoples' Lobby"?

7. COULD YOU CONSCIENTIOUSLY SERVE AS AN OFFICIAL ARMY CHAPLAIN ON ACTIVE DUTY IN WARTIME?

Another question so framed as to leave all frankness out. Why do they specify an "official army chaplain; and why do they specify on "active duty"? Is it supposed that those questioned would be quite conscience free to preach the Word of God unofficially to soldiers? And is it similarly supposed that one could be an army chaplain with conscientious freedom if he fixed it up so that he could be on an inactive status when war breaks? In such case, we assume that he could baptize and minister to soldiers training for their country's call, but would have to take a vacation when his flock were called to the duty for which they had trained!

At any rate, 6,628 preachers say to Page, Niebuhr and Co., that they could not serve! Not for their tender consciences! The soldier, right or wrong, answering his country's call to battle, must lie in hospital without their Christian ministrations! They will not sit beside his cot while he dictates his feeble last message to mother, wife, kiddies!

And these are they who loudest prate of "the Jesus way of life"!

8. DO YOU REGARD THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN "DEFENSIVE" AND "AGGRESSIVE" WAR AS SUFFICIENTLY VALID TO JUSTIFY YOUR SANCTIONING OR PARTICIPATING IN A FUTURE WAR OF "DEFENSE"?

"No!" answered 7,130 preachers. And by this answer these 7,130 preachers served notice on Uncle Sam that no matter how innocently he might become a party to a conflict; no matter if it be a pure defense of those sacred institutions which made possible these 7,130 preachers going to college under the Flag and rearing their children in safe homes under the Flag: they give Uncle Sam notice that they will teach their congregations of citizens that they shall not obey the obligations of citizenship.

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Who Answered This Questionnaire? And How?

As stated before, this group of ten "unworthy leaders" sent their quiz to 53,000 ministers. Of this number, they received replies from 19,372. The questionnaire was sent to the following denominational groups in apparently the proportion of the strength in the United States of the several denominations:

Methodist Episcopal	12,437
Presbyterian	8,500
Congregational	5,008
Protestant Episcopal	5,581
Baptist	5,800

Disciples of Christ- - - - - - - - - - - - - 5,372
Reformed- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 1,591
United Brethren- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 2,164
Evangelical Synod- - - - - - - - - - - - - - 1,069
Unitarian and Universalist- - - - - - - - - 968
Miscellaneous- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 1,551

The tabulations by denominations are too lengthy for our space; we therefore give only the totals of all denominations.

1. Favoring entry into League of Nations- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Yes, 12,709;no, 3,060.
2. Favoring military training in schools and colleges- - - - - - - - - Yes, 2,574;no,16,018.
3. Armament reductions by U.S. regardless of other countries- - - - - - Yes, 15,449;no, 2,702 .
4. Policy of armed intervention to protect lives and property of citizens. To be abandoned- - - - - - - Yes, 12,017;no, 3,899.
5. Churches should refuse to sanction or support any war- - - - - - - Yes, 11,206;no, 4,593.
6. Will you sanction any future war or participate as an armed combatant?- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Yes, 5,628;no, 9,635.
7. Could you serve as a chaplain in wartime?- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Yes, 8,700;no, 6,628.
   (3,721 are "in doubt" about this question; perhaps they and the 9,635 who voted "no", would unhesitatingly vote "yes" if asked whether they would minister to Al Capone or Hickman; but to carry the canteen of cold water to a neighbor's boy fighting for his flag - "Oh, No, that's against my principles!"
8. Is the distinction between "defensive" and "aggresive" war sufficiently valid to justify your sanctioning a future war of "defense"?- - - - - - - - - - - Yes, 8,316;no, 7,130.

In addition, 3,563 were "in doubt" as to whether they should set up their individual judgment against that of the Republic.

There is an interesting incongruity here. 8,316 preachers would sanction and participate in a war of defense; but 12,076 preachers vote in question 5 that the churches should refuse sanction and support of any war. Since but 19,372 votes were cast, we find that at least 1,020 preachers say there is such a difference between an offensive and a defensive war, that they believe they should sanction and participate in the latter, but they nevertheless want the Church to stand slacker in such a war! Such reasoning would give evidence that these clergymen studied Logic in the school of Machiavelli, or in a school of eels!

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How the Young Theologues Voted.

The insidious organized influence of anti-patriotism has cleverly been long at work upon the youthful students preparing for the ministry in our theological seminaries. Some months ago, August Claessens, the leader of New York Socialism, addressing a meeting of his henchmen said,

"There are two groups we must work on with particular emphasis: we

must work on the immigrant, winning him to Socialism before he becomes "sold" on the United States; and we must work on the young theological student, for they will be missionaries of Socialism in their parishes!" And Claessens added, "I have just returned from a visit to Union Theological Seminary where I found a group of young men already ripe for our cause!"

And so Kirby Page is able to report that his questionnaires came back to him from the theological seminaries with a vote very encouraging to the slacker cause. Nearly four-fifths of those replying said the Church should refuse to support or sanction any war; and only one in four would serve as chaplains.

Once more we note the consistency with which the "intellectual" radical pacifist mind hugs to the League of Nations idea: for out of 1,101 theologues voting, 832 were for immediate entry into the League, only 66 were opposed, and 195 students were doubtful. Congratulations might very properly be extended to those 195 young men who expressed doubt; the young collegian, engrossed in the complex schedule of his studies for his life-work (particularly when it is a life-work quite divorced from any opportunity to probe skillfully into intricate questions of international life), is evidencing commendable wisdom when he candidly says about such abstruse problems, "I do not pretend to know!"

But fifty per cent, or half a thousand, of these youngsters, under the clever influence of defeatist teachers, have said they will not minister to the soldier of his country; and sixty-two per cent refuse to admit that even a pure defense of the American nation and institutions is justifiable.

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What Patriotic Preachers Think About It.

It is very natural that this sedition-breeding questionnaire by this group of ten misleaders should arouse thorough antagonism in the minds of all clergymen not yet steeped in the propaganda of the anti-National, Socialist group. "The World Tomorrow", through the pen of Kirby Page, found it diplomatic to give space for many of these patriotic utterances, a few of which we reproduce herewith. Of course, it must be borne in mind that in spite of the strength and the validity of these patriotic pronouncements, the pacifist hierarchy will not change its mind nor abate one ounce its constant effort to sabotage the bulwarks of the Republic.

Rev. F. H. Petersime of Vallejo, California: -

"To answer the last four other than I have, would seem to me to be treason against a Christian nation.

"My son took four years of military training in high school and it hasn't hurt him. I know so long as sin and hate are to be found in pagan nations, there is sure to be war. If war, then I would rather my boy be prepared to protect himself and the helpless. Thousands died in the World War because pacifist agitators were constantly opposing preparedness. Better discharge our police in every city and throw our homes open to brigands as to weaken our protection from briganding nations. I have no desire for war. I want peace if possible. But I do not want peace so badly as to make me commit treason against a blood-bought freedom given me by my nation. If some preachers who are yelping peace all the while would really face their task as messengers of salvation, they would be terribly busy. My observation has been that when war does show up, those fellows make the loudest noise about their patriotism."

Rev. Donald M. Grant of Buffalo Village, Pennsylvania:-

"I sometimes wonder how some men can escape arrest and imprisonment, being convicted by their own utterances as disloyal to the Government of the United States of America. Much of the propaganda now being carried on by certain organizations under the guise of the church is little short of treason, and is as surely playing into the hands of revolutionists and anarchists as any of the 'red' literature emanating from bolshevik quarters, and some one must be held responsible."

Rev. M. A . Robeson of Fulton, Illinois, says:-

"That is treason!"

Rev. William L. Manny of Walnut, Illinois, says:-

"I have not reached that point in Christian thinking wherein I believe that we must dispense with all our police forces, bank guards, detectives, etc., and give our institutions and our personal safety into the hands of the criminal class. I believe in protection against violent and criminal nations. I do not consider any nation a criminal nation at present, but I can find the record of such nations in history.

Rev. Emery L. Bradford says:-

"I believe the churches, one and all, and every right-minded man, should yoke-in-together, and pull together, and pull until the load is delivered, until the curse and scourge of war is a forgotten memory of barbarism; but to say that I would never fight for any cause or under any circumstances, No,Sir! I would consider myself a lily-livered poltroon. But you do not care about that - you want a 'Yes' and 'No' answer."

Rev. Warren Eugene Shirey of Robinson, Illinois, says:-

"I served in the World War and have no conscientious twinges over it except that I did not get in sooner."

Rev. William A. Aiken of Fort Du Pont, Delaware, says:-

"Duty to country is not determined by private judgment."

Rev. Charles H. Frick of Kingston, Pennsylvania, says:-
(Referring to the "serving as a chaplain in war" questionnaire)

"Permit me to feel red-headed at two suggestions: The questionnaire seems not to recognize the fact that the soldier is the victim of circumstance and should be the object of our concern and pity. If ever a poor boy needs the comfort and assurance of religion it is when he is pushed into the hell of war; and to desert him then - well, I can't swear, so will say nothing. The greatest insult I can imagine to Christ is to keep Him from those who need Him most, and those the ones who go to the front in our stead. (Remember the chaplain is refused the right to be a combatant.)"

Rev. J. J. Hofmann, of Marinette, Wisconsin, says:-

"It is not the churches' business to say whether our country should, or should not enter the League of Nations. This is up to our Government. What the churches should do in this matter is to pray for our Government that God may guide it in its decisions. We should more than ever strive

to make our people Christians who will allow God, or rather Christ's spirit, to guide them. I believe that our Government will do the right thing if guided by Christ-- but I am not at all sure that it will be able to do that if it is led and tutored by the church."

Rev. Joseph Virgil Clar, of Chicago, says:-

"I am disgusted and ashamed of your questions. They do not represent a pure American interest, and reveal no thought. Quit using the cloak of the church in a scheme that is a damage to the people of the United States."

Rev. Golder Lawrence, of San Bernardino, California, says:-
(Answering the question as to belief in military training.)

"I answer in the affirmative for I have seen what lack of it meant in 1917-1918. The real murderers are those in educational and ministerial and other leadership fields who, knowing that the peace of the world is more in jeopardy today (for the world is better armed and the causes for unrest greater than in 1914) insist upon sending another army of untrained youth into the field to be murdered by trained soldiers. I saw it done. And all the fine and sentimental and theoretical arguments some of us spin, cannot change what I saw. I cannot forget that."

Rev. Angus E. Clephan, of Put-in-Bay, Ohio, says:-

"Military training in schools does not encourage fighting any more than teaching boxing encourages brawling; as an amateur middleweight of past years, pugilism taught me to refrain from fighting unless desperately required for the protection of some lady. It taught me self-control and poise - freedom from fear and being unmanly as so many of our flim-flam lounge lizards are today."

Rev. Elmer S. Anderson, of Rialto, California, says:-

"So long as the public schools of America have the protection and support of the United States Constitution and said Constitution calls for military activity for any cause whatever, the United States Government should have a right to train its own citizens, without hindrance, in every legitimate form."

The Los Angeles Times in a very thoughtful editorial upon this radical questionnaire in its issue of April 26, says:-

"To discover that 37 per cent of any substantial number of clergymen - and 19,372 is a substantial number - can see no valid distinction between aggressive and defensive war, that 34 per cent are so opposed to war they could not conscientiously serve as army chaplains, and that 83 per cent oppose even the mild military training that the schools offer, is highly surprising and even disquieting. There is something wrong with theological education that leads to the holding of such extreme views, even among a minority of clergymen. It will be a sad day for this country when patriotic citizens are unable to find leadership in their church, and if extreme pacifism captures that church, that day will be at hand."

Would These Slackers Be Merely Passive?

Mr. Harry A. Jung, head of the American Vigilant Intelligence Federation of Chicago, in an editorial discussing this questionnaire brings

out a point of vital importance. He says:-

"The point at issue is, that from our knowledge, a considerable majority of these 10,427 Kirby Page-Sherwood Eddy followers would not be content to refrain from active participation in defense of the Constitution and Government of the United States, but would openly lend their efforts to hampering the Government in the prosecution of a necessary armed conflict, and by such actions become as truly 'traitors' as though they had actually deserted to the enemy forces. This was done by some preachers during the last war and for nearly fourteen years these slacker-pacifist potential-traitor leaders, such as Page, Eddy, Ward, etc., have been overwhelming American preachers with slacker pacifist propaganda."

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Dr. Kirby Page, Editor,
The World Tomorrow,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York, New York.

My dear Friend:

I am exceedingly happy to possess an autographed copy of your monumental work, "National Defense". I have but glanced through it yet I discover readily its immense value as a source book in this great battle for peace. You put me under many obligations; I shall be a long time in your debt.

Few things have interested me so much as the results of your questionaire so recently given to the press. Do you know, I believe you overlooked me. I don't recall having received such a letter from you, or if so, I missed it by some hook or crook. Please write me down among the ten thousand who are on the side of the Prince of Peace in word and deed.

In the series that I have been doing in the Christian, "Mirrors of Ministers", I "did" you some months ago. I am hoping you saw it. I expect to publish the volume containing fifty Mirrors, your own among the others, next fall. Strength to your hands, my friend and a sharp edge to your sword of the spirit.

Most gratefully and sincerely yours,

Edgar DeWitt Jones.

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Mr. Kirby Page
The World Tomorrow
52 Vanderbilt Ave.
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Dear Kirby:

Enclosed you will find the review of Fred Eastman's recent play, THE TINKER, which I promised to write for you. The play is really a very beautiful thing and as presented in church groups ought to have a very fine spiritual influence.

With best wishes,

Always yours,

Justin W. Nixon

Justin W. Nixon.

P.S. "National Defense" is certainly superb.

JWN/REK.

May 8, 1931.

My dear Mr. Yoder:

I am greatly stirred by your fine letter and am glad you found my new book helpful. I agree with you that we must strengthen minority groups everywhere.

Cordially,

Mr. Sterling N. Yoder
Christian Association
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Blacksburg, Va.

KP:MO.

CHARLES M. SHELDON
1621 COLLEGE AVENUE
TOPEKA, KANS.

CONTRIBUTING EDITOR
CHRISTIAN HERALD
NEW YORK

May 12.1931

My Dear Page.

I am writing to let you know that I am, of course, very deeply interested in the great work you are doing to create this warless world that Micah saw 700 years before Christ. My contribution to it will have to be along the line of the union mass meetings I have been holding during the last two years in the middle west, in California, Oklahoma, North Carolina, and Wisconsin. I have felt pretty lonesome most of the time, even when the people in the different churches have come to the meetings in large numbers. I have wondered why the Federal Council did not enlist the services of a number of ministers to leave their pulpits for a time and go out on a nation wide crusade for disarmament. In the two years I have had my meetings I have had generous cooperation from different denominations. My expenses have been met by free will offerings, just enough, to pay my travel and hotel expenses, and no more. I had my 75th mass meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, last Sunday. You will excuse this personal explanation, I am sure. If in any way I can continue this sort of contribution to the cause of a warless world in any better or larger way, I am ready to do it as long as I am able to speak and write.

With very greatappreciation of your written word which I have often quoted and with Best Wishes I am very cordially yours,

Charles M. Sheldon

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Mr and Mrs Kirby Page
New York

Dear Friends,

I thought you would be interested to know Olive is going with her aunt Florence to Bombay, India, - they are on their way now to New York in a car, left last Saturday stopped in Missouri at Florence' brothers, expected to visit relatives in Ohio and to spend a day or two in Wash. D.C. They are sailing on the Mauretania May 20th. Olives going was rather sudden. Florence and she had talked a little of her going so Florence wrote to Bishop Badley telling him about her and asking him if he could use her as his secretary if he could to send a cable, the cable came saying he could use her first of Aug. I wish we might have had more time to have planned on it before they left. I will miss her dreadfully but believe it must be for the best.

She didn't have much more than a month to get ready, she had stopped going to Drake, just went one half of this year, and was taking a business course Folks say it will be a wonderful experience for her of course she well stay with Florence and have a nice place to live, she doesn't have to stay any certain length of time but I hope she stays long enough to get the benefit of the trip, for about one year any way.

Mother is with me now and not very good health, I will probably move back to Guthrie Center this Fall.

The girls are not having very long in N. Y. but if you have time to look them up they would be pleased I'm sure. I suppose they will stop at Room 710-150-5th Ave. Florence said, any way, I could write to them there. She is taking a car to Bombay. Willie's boy going far as N. Y to help drive. I would love to see you folks, I hope you are all getting along fine. Mr Page your picture was smiling at us in our last Sun. paper with an article taken from your World Tomorrow on The Viewpoint of Clergy on War & Peace

Best wishes Edna Masters.

#9, 19GO. MITA TSUNAMACHI
SHIBA KU
TOKYO, JAPAN

May 13th

Dear Kirby:-

The book came and I was delighted to receive it. Just why you should be good enough to send it to me I can not see. It was very kind of you and I appreciate it very much. It comes in the nick of time, since I am carrying along one group at least in a rather thorough-going study of the war method.

By the same mail, the May "W.T." came. Best yet! Really a monumental piece of work !

I have just been"investigated" again. A radical student I knew planned to bring me some illegal literature to disprove my theories of pacifism. That is the basis fact. But the newspaper write-up freely decorated and distorted the facts, tho what the student actually said during the two weeks of "the third degree" which they put him thru before releasing him I do not know. "They", of course, are the GPU of the Land of the Rising Sun. Communism, I regret to say, is rapidly increasing, tho, as RW Bruere says, technical lack of organization will postpone the catasprophe no doubt. Suppression is doing just what it has always done.

The'movies'and'talkies' are exerting a vast influence - for good or bad - in Japan. From the standpoint of the censor, American films seemto be the worst. That is, out of some 6,002 meters cut out of films submitted by German,French,British, Soviet and American films, 3,888 meters were cut out of American films and 32 meters out of Soviet films. Just what the proportion of American films to the others was I do not know. "Ero", a new Japanese word, stands for eroticism and is given as the reason why American films are considered pernicious. Something for 'Christian' USA to meditate upon in the night watches.

#9, 19GO, MITA TSUNAMACHI
SHIBA KU
TOKYO, JAPAN

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Beginning with International Good Will Day and running for three days there will be a conference of some 500 delegates from Buddhist, Shinto and Christian groups, meeting in an All-Japan Conference in preparation for the Washington Conference on Peace to be participated in by various religions. This Conference will be held in Tokyo. The last time the thing was attempted the super-patriots almost broke the meeting up. So this time the delagates are strictly limited. Wish I had 600 copies of the May "W.T." to distribute.

We have translated and are printing now four chapters out of your "A New Economic Order". You were kind enough to grant us permission, which we are taking advantage of, you may be sure.

Also, the FOR here is working on problems connected with the declaration of allegiance required of Americans getting passports; songs and peace literature in Japanese for children; education for peace among students; circulation of the International Disarmament Petition and co-operation with the sponsors of the goodwill tour to Japan of Chinese students from Cheeloo and Pekin Universities.

We often recall your visit to Japan. You will be sure to tell us, I know, of any persons coming thru Japan who could give us a lift, will you not?

Do not see much Japan notes in the "W.T." I'll have to give Jorgie a dig in the ribs.

Most Cordially,

Ted Walker

May 13, 1931.

My dear Lyman White:

It was good of you to write as you did. It simply had not occurred to me that anybody would think it unethical for a teacher to take advantage of my offer. Is it unethical to offer a student a 15¢ pamphlet for a dime? That is what my proposal calls for. No suggestion was made that pressure be brought to bear upon students to purchase copies. Is it unethical for an individual to take advantage of wholesale rates and get a free copy of a book for his trouble in making it possible for his students to purchase copies at reduced rates? I confess I do not see the validity of your point. I do thank you, however, for writing as frankly as you did.

Cordially,

Mr. Lyman C. White
529 West 123d Street
New York, N. Y.

KP:MO.

KIRBY PAGE,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

I enclose herewith $....., for which please send me.....$5 sets of NATIONAL DEFENSE: A STUDY OF THE ORIGINS, RESULTS AND PREVENTION OF WAR.

(A $5 set consists of one regular $3 cloth edition, 416 pages; and 50 pamphlet editions, 96 pages, 15 cents each—all for $5, or a saving of $5.50.)

Name.....Lyman C. White.....

Street and Post Office Address.....529 W. 123.....

City and State.....([redacted]) see endorsed note.....

IMPORTANT NOTE: Many clergymen, educators, and other peace workers plan to recover the entire cost by selling the pamphlets at the reduced rate of ten cents each to members of their classes, THUS SECURING THE $3 VOLUME FREE.

Dear Mr. Page;

As a future teacher I consider your proposal that educators should obtain a free copy of "National Defense" by selling 50 pamphlets to their students as unethical. Of course the students will buy them whether or not they really want them. I don't suppose it is expected that the "educator" will tell his students that he is getting a free copy of your book. It is difficult to see the difference between your proposal and having the professor assess each student ten cents with which to buy himself a book or a pair of rubbers.

Sincerely yours,

Lyman C. White

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203 North Wabash Avenue - Suite 1000
Chicago, Illinois

May 14, 1931

Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Kirby:

You are accustomed to being overloaded with responsibilities at our Geneva Conference, but this year I am afraid you are going to call a halt or at least cry for mercy. We are advertising widely your special group, planning at the present time that it should be held at the second hour every morning. Have you any suggestion about the limitation in size? Some of the secretaries feel it should be limited to sixty although we are afraid it would be very hard to keep out many of the people who are coming especially to have this time with you. We had hoped you would have them again in the evening if they wanted to meet then, but now it seems that we must ask you to do something else each evening. That means that the 4th hour each day is open for other meetings of your group when they want them. The group will begin on Saturday night.

Will it be too much to ask you also to have charge of the seminar each evening on International Relations and Peace? There are so few people who can carry this with the understanding of and the generosity toward the military point of view which I think we must have in order to move forward with these girls. It would fill your day much fuller than you would like, I know, and yet we need you for this. I had hoped you would have much time for private talks with many of the girls in your special group. You are so accustomed, however, to working twenty hours a day, we are willing to ask this added responsibility of you.

Will you, therefore, carry the discussion each night on International Relations, as well as have charge of the special group during the day, help with the leaders meeting an hour each day, give the talk on Wednesday morning using your material from people who have made contributions along the line of International Relations, and be available for extra talks which we need during the week?

Sincerely,
Stella Scurlock
Stella Scurlock,
National Student Secretary

SS:EMW

Be sure to get a R.R. certificate when you get your ticket to Williams Bay for we need every certificate we can get.

MRS. MAXWELL CHAPLIN
1011 BERKELEY AVENUE
CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA

May 15th '31.

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Dear Kirby,

National Defense is a remarkable book & I am very proud to own it. Thank you so much. I shall use it as a reference book to provide ammunition for the opportunities I have to promote peace. Already I have found one important rebuttal for the misinformation of a certain friend with whom I often argue. I hope I can lend it around too.

We are leaving early in June & expect to be at The Shoreham Hotel, Spring Lake N. J. from the 20th of June until the end of July. If we could see you & Alma either at Spring Lake or in N. Y. it would certainly be a great pleasure. I should love to see the children again too. It's hard to realize that by now they must be quite grown up.

I have just come from a visit to Harry & my younger brother Alan, in Berkeley. Harry gave a reception for Alan where Rabbis, Catholic priests &

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Protestants ate & drank together in the spirit of friendliness. It was a fine testimony to what Harry has been doing up there.

I hope you are all going to have a fine summer & that you may feel that all your efforts in the cause of peace & international good will etc etc are bearing rich fruit.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness in sending me your book,

Sincerely your friend,
Edith.

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Mr. Kirby Page
Editor, The World Tomorrow,
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Dear Sir,-

I have read much of the last edition of The World Tomorrow which is principly concerned with the dis-armament of our nation and the ridicule, to some extent, of those who feel it their patriotic duty to guard this country against those who may not be peacebly minded, but I do not see one word against the danger of the growing soviet mind, which declares itself against God, and has the avowed intention of overthrowing this country by vilolence, to work out a like program as is being carried on in Russia, according to the Fish Committee Report, which no doubt you are familiar with.

Your Utopian idea may "Pooh! Pooh!" at the suggestion of the Committee Report as being an imaginary scare, but your policy is playing most admirably into just such a social crisis, to leave this nation defenceless and helpless before an internal foe that intends and seeks to bring disaster upon us. With most conscientious objectors, I have observed, they are not willing to grant that others may have the right to follow their conscience in the defence of their loved ones and their country. Take a stand against the Communist Propaganda, and you paper will have a real value.

Very truly,

James J. Bingham

THE REVEREND C. H. DICKENS, D. D.
RECTOR SAINT GEORGE'S CHURCH

THE RECTORY
177 GRAND STREET
NEWBURGH, N. Y.

15 May, 1931.

Kirby Page,
347 Madison Ave.,
New York, N.Y.,

Sir:-

Will you discontinue sending any and all printed matter eminating from you and your ilk?

It is most distasteful to me, being an American. In my opinion you, and those associated with you, represent a very unamerican element and to my mind, not far removed from the attitude and intentions of the Communists of Russia. I am sorry I have not the power to send your whole mob into Russia, where you might find just the happy(?) condition of affairs it appears to me you are striving to inaugurate in my country.

C. H. Dickens.

May 15, 1931.

My dear Mr. Lockhart:

Let me thank you for your very courteous note.

Cordially,

Mr. M. W. Lockhart
St. James Church
Baton Rouge, La.

KP:MO.

May 19, 1931

My dear Mr. Bingham:

Let me thank you for your letter of May 15th. I wish we had an opportunity to talk this matter over face to face. If you have been reading The World Tomorrow regularly you will have discovered that our position is exactly the opposite of that of the Communists. We are pacifists and socialists and as such are regarded with abhorrence by the Bolsheviks. You should see what the Daily Worker, a Communist paper in New York, says about people of our style. It is not fit to print.

Cordially yours,

Rev. James J. Bingham
Bickley Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church
Sixth Street and Chelten Ave.
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Mr. Kirby Page
c/o National Radio Home Makers' Club
1819 Broadway
New York City

Dear Mr. Page:

I was just leaving for the office when Mrs. Hull called me back into the house to listen to a radio disarmament talk.

I was very glad to hear it for it gives one courage to continue to go forward in the cause of world peace. Your description of ways and means for fundamental peace making are, no doubt, correct and if those who create public opinion and encourage action on the part of those who already have peace convictions, would speak out boldly as you did this morning, through the press, the radio, and the speaker's platform, world peace would be realized without doubt, in a comparatively short time, for the majority of people are peace-loving and will stand together on a peace program but there has never been leadership on the part of the men in your own position, and when national differences arise, the public has no voice, all is in the hands of the war-minded few, so many of whom profit by war.

As a member of the Society of Friends, I have naturally always worked for world peace. If the petition blank announced at the time of your talk is something I should have, please send one.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) John C. Hull, President

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May 20, 1931

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My dear Mr. Zottele:

Your important letter of April 16th is at hand and I am keenly interested in what you have written. Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of my new book, "National Defense" and also a copy of the abbreviated edition. My former book, "War, Its Causes, Consequences and Cure", is out of date. If you are going to publish any of my writing in South America, I should think this new book would be better.

I should be very glad indeed to advance $70.00 gold if you want to translate and publish 1,000 copies of "National Defense."

Cordially yours,

placed on standing

Mr. Pedro Zottelle C.
Junta de Educacion Religiosa
Casilla 133-D
Santiago de Chile

KP:ST

May 20, 1931.

My dear Mr. Dickens:

Let me thank you for your very frank letter. I am sorry that our communications are distasteful to you.

There is one point, however, that I should like to make and that is that my point of view is almost exactly the opposite of that of the Communists of Russia. I am a pacifist and do not believe in violence and war under any circumstances whereas the Communists are worshippers of violent revolution and dictatorship by terror. Surely, you will agree with me that our points of view are not the same.

Cordially,

Rev. C. H. Dickens
177 Grand Street
Newburgh, N. Y.

KP:MO.

May 20, 1931.

My dear Dick:

Let me tell you again how keenly Alma and I enjoyed those days at Lisle. You had a wonderful group together.

You insisted that I send an expense account. If there is enough left over from the conference fees, you might send me $20. Otherwise, I shall be glad indeed to take care of it out of my travel fund.

Could you, without a lot of trouble, let me have a list of the names and addresses of the people who were present?

We had a very fine visit with Dr. Chittenden. He made an excellent impression upon us both. I think that the next step for Alma is to have a specialist friend of his in New York, Dr. Kanton, make a thorough exploration of her intestines. We are taking steps to have this done and then expect to get in touch with Dr. Chittenden again. Your suggestion may lead to a substantial improvement in Alma's health and we are grateful.

Alma joins in sending warmest regards to boty of you.

Affectionately,

Mr. Richard H. Edwards
Barnes Hall
Ithaca, N. Y.

KP:MO.

May 20, 1931.

My dear Mr. Palmer:

Your note disturbs me greatly. Do you really think I am making money out of peace literature? If so, I am afraid you are lacking in experience in the publishing business. I shall lose not less than $3000 or $4000 on National Defense. This includes all royalties I will receive and all money received from sales. That is to say, I am subsidizing heavily my books and pamphlets. I am able to do this simply because a lot of people believe in what I am attempting to do enough to yield small or large contributions.

Is it not possible for us to disagree sharply in our opinions without making unjust accusations against each other?

Cordially,

Mr. W. J. Palmer
Frostproof
Fla.

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May 20, 1931

Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Page:

Your letter of April 21st was brought to the attention of the Membership Committee at its last meeting. It was given very careful, very thoughtful consideration.

On behalf of the Committee, let me say, that we, as a Committee, do not believe that the election of Negroes to the membership of the Town Hall Club would be in accordance with the best interests of the social life of the Club or that it would be in accordance with the wishes of a great majority of its members.

Sincerely yours

James H. Baldwin.

Chairman
Membership Committee

B:R

I would have a pretty fair week, and repeat the process all over again. Needless to say, I am some better, in some ways at least, but the headaches and gas are still giving me hard. Kirby Jr. has made wonderful progress in Arizona, and Mary is a real, young lady at 13. I was still a child at 13, but she looks and acts like 15 at least. Practically the only thing I did this year was to open and sort the questionnaires on War & Peace. Since there were 19,000 of them, it was enough to keep me out of mischief, and it was really fascinating to read the comments. Kirby was going to take May to sort of rest and catch up after a year of terrific strain, but as usual a bee got to buzzing in his bonnet one night and now he is working his stuff ragged to set up a big cross country Peace meeting in over 100 cities in U.S. and Canada the week of Oct. 25 to 31. We got so much publicity from the May number of the magazine that in a little over a week he has gotten 128 of the prominent people of the country to act as sponsors for the meetings and 85 of them to promise to speak. That is out of 340 letters sent out. Of course, more of them will

347 Madison Ave
New York, N.Y.
May 21, 1931

Dear Harriett:

It really seems incredible that I have let a whole year go by without writing to you, and I have no excuse to offer at all except that I have been rather miserable most of the time. I seem to have used up more energy than I had on the trip, and when I got to America I was ready to flop. I could not even bear to use the typewriter. Before we left Japan Kirby got a letter saying we should send the boy to school in Arizona if we wanted to give him a chance, so I stopped off a day in Tucson on my way to see mother. I spent seven weeks in Texas trying to rest up, and another month with Kirby and the children in Blue Ridge, N.C. You should have seen Kirby washing dishes, or sweeping or playing with the youngsters. After that we came on to New York and sent the boy to Arizona, to school, and put Mary in a Quaker prep school at Poughkeepsie. Then I moved into a two room apartment on the top floor of a big apartment house so I would not have any responsibilities and have spent my time (1) trying to keep from having a headache, (2) having a headache, (3) and getting over it. Then

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Dear Kirby:

I am returning enclosed the stuff from Devere.

You have undoubtedly received the communication from the Town Hall Club refusing our petition. The question now is shall we resign singly or get as many as possible to resign together. It probably would take time to get them together so perhaps we had better send our resignations in individually.

Yours,

R. N.

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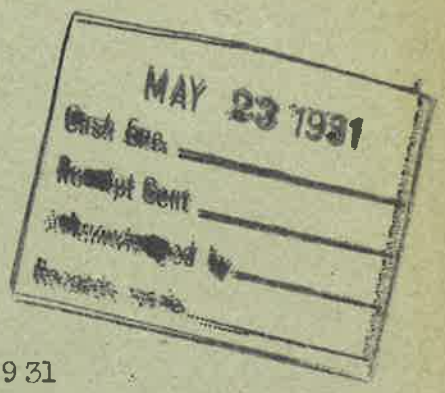

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May 22, 1931

Kirby Page, Esq.,
52 Vanderbilt Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Page:

You are invited to join the Authors' League of America, which is, as you already know, the national organization of authors and playwrights.

The League has become the natural clearing house for information of interest to authors. Through its Council and its committees the problems confronting authors and playwrights are being solved.

As an organization the League interests itself in legislation affecting authors. Through the concerted action of its members contracts and business conditions are being improved. Only through the League can the younger writer secure the advantage of the experience of the professional writer.

We need your support and cooperation. We sincerely hope that you will join the League and allow us to count you among our membership.

There is no initiation fee; the dues are $25 a year. There is no need, in your case, of procuring a proposer or seconder since your name has been passed upon by the Membership Committee.

Sincerely yours,

James Hopper
Roger B. Whitman
Arthur Guiterman

For the Council George Creel

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1349 Iris Street
Washington, D.C.
May 22, 1931

Dear Mr. Page-

Pat Malin tells me he did talk with you recently concerning a little book of Bob's life, and the assurance of your willingness to help is indeed gratifying.

The urge to do something of this sort has been increasing in my heart ever since Bob's passing, and if it can be

I know that Bob had a very warm affection and sincere respect for you, Mr. Page, and perhaps because of that response he has opened his soul to you a lot at times. I shall be so grateful if you will write out something of your relationship, your contacts with him, the things that stand out in your memory as saying Bob to you.

And I shall welcome so heartily any ideas you

have concerning the type of book-size, publication, etc.

It is my hope to have it ready for next September, a year after his going, and to that aim I am giving myself fully this summer. I am eager, therefore, to have the material in hand as soon as possible.

With constant appreciation of all that you meant to Bob, I am

Very cordially yours,

Lois Ahlemeier

Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Ave.
New York City

terialize. I shall be happy beyond words. I want it for Bobby someday - that he may know his Daddy as one knew him - so far as is possible; I want it too, for others who might find in his life courage and inspiration.

And so - I attempt it - aided by the sacred privilege of it - and daring it only because I know his friends everywhere stand ready to help.

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May 22nd, 1931.

Mr. Kirby Page
52 Vanderbilt Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Page:

Please excuse the tardiness of my reply to your note about the special issue of "The World Tomorrow." I think you have a remarkably fine piece of work which is bound to have a great influence on the general peace question in this country. I do not see how it could have been done better and I thank you heartily for the doing of it.

Cordially yours,

William P. Merrill

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May 22, 1931.

My dear Mr. Baldwin:

Your letter of May 20 is at hand. In view of your specific statement, as Chairman of the Membership Committee that "...we, as a Committee, do not believe that the election of Negroes to the membership of the Town Hall Club would be in accordance with the best interests of the social life of the Club or that it would be in accordance with the wishes of a great majority of its members". I feel compelled to tender my resignation as a member of the Town Hall Club. I certainly do not want to be a member of a club that discriminates against individuals on account of their race or color.

Sincerely,

Mr. James H. Baldwin
Chairman of Membership Committee
Town Hall Club
123 West 43d Street
New York, N. Y.

KP:MO.

May 25 – 31

Dear Mr Page

I had already sent a telegram to Mr Walther Williams spoke to me about it Saturday –

Sincerely

J Dewey

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Mr. Kirby Page,
52 Vanderbilt Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Kirby:

My resignation from the L.I.P.A. Executive Committee leaves me, of course, without the right to say too much about L.I.P.A. policies, but I do want to present certain matters for your own and your committee's consideration.

1. You cannot expect to hold your organization together, looking to some big movement in 1936 but observing an attitude more or less of neutrality in 1932. You will simply lose what members you have in '32. In other words, it is necessary to take some action with regard to the '32 campaign.

2. You cannot expect to delay your action until after you see whom the old parties nominate. No independent political movement can or will deserve to succeed which bases its independence simply on the question of the personality of the old parties candidates.

3. My travels 'round the country convince me that it will be very hard to stop the nomination of Roosevelt by the Democrats. All the chances favor his nomination and he will get a large amount of the muddle headed liberal and progressive support. You cannot support him consistently with your policy and purpose but lots of your members, I am afraid, will want to go his way, especially if you wait until the last minute before forming definite plans. This means, among other things, that it might not be a bad plan for you to post yourselves on his record which is by no means wholly satisfactory.

I refer, for instance, to such matters as: (a) his authorship of the Haitian Constitution of which he boasted when he ran for Vice President in 1920; (b) his extraordinary subservience to Tammany during his whole first term in the matter of appointments and the bills he vetoed and signed; (c) his effort to carry water

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on both shoulders in the way he has handled the matter of investigation of New York City officials; (d) his failure to fight vigorously for unemployment insurance in the last Legislature; (e) his failure to back up Robert Moses whose recommendations in the City Trust inquiry might, if they had been carried out, have prevented the failure of the Bank of U.S. Roosevelt kept Moses off the Commission to which he referred the Moses report and put on Pollack of the Bank of U.S. instead; (f) in general Roosevelt has no adequate or well thought out policy on any of the large issues, not even power. What we have to do is to get possession of the power trust, not try to compete with it.

3. I think now, as always, that the best thing for the League for Independent Political Action to do would be to support a small size mass movement into the Socialist Party to build it up. That is certainly the logical thing to do. Failing that, at least there ought to be prompt cooperation looking toward a definite policy for '32.

Sincerely yours,

Norman Thomas

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